



Office of Historic Alexandria

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Museums



Friendship
Firehouse



The Lyceum



Alexandria
Black History
Museum



Alexandria
Archaeology



Fort Ward Museum
and Historic Site



Stabler-
Leadbeater
Apothecary
Museum

Gadsby's
Tavern
Museum



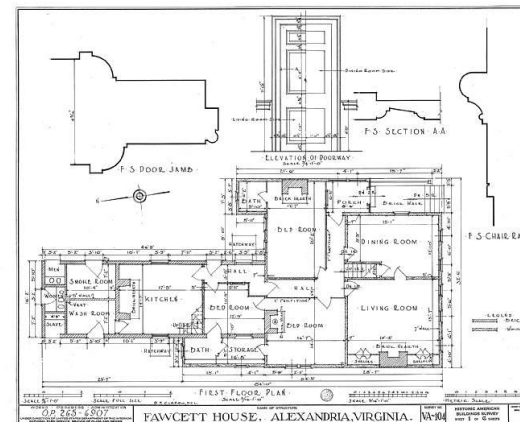
1315 Duke Street

Freedom House Museum



Murray-Dick-Fawcett

517 Prince Street



Historic Sites



African American
Heritage Park



Union Station



Lloyd House



Watson Reading
Room



Contrabands and
Freedmen Cemetery



Collections
Storage Facility

Alexandria Archaeology

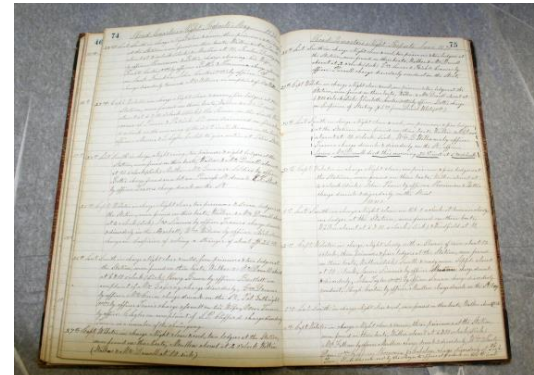
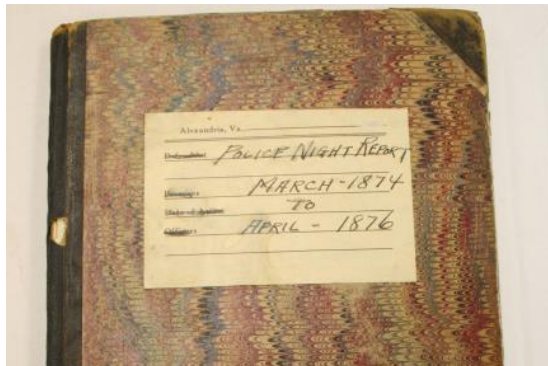


- Seeks to preserve and study the tangible remains of our community's heritage for public enrichment and enjoyment
- City archaeologists and volunteers work with residents and developers to locate sites important to the City's past and excavate them when necessary
- Visitors can learn about Alexandria's past at the hands-on Archaeology Museum

Archives and Records Center



The Archives and Records Center manages the records created by the City of Alexandria's government agencies, preserves the archival or historical documents of these agencies, and ensures that these documents are available for public research. The Archives and Records Center must comply with the *Virginia Public Records Act*.



Collecting History “in the making!”

Chronicling the Pandemic: Alexandria’s Story

- Your original writings
- Your original drawings/artwork
- Your original photographs
- Your original short videos
- Photographs of objects, for consideration for acquisition



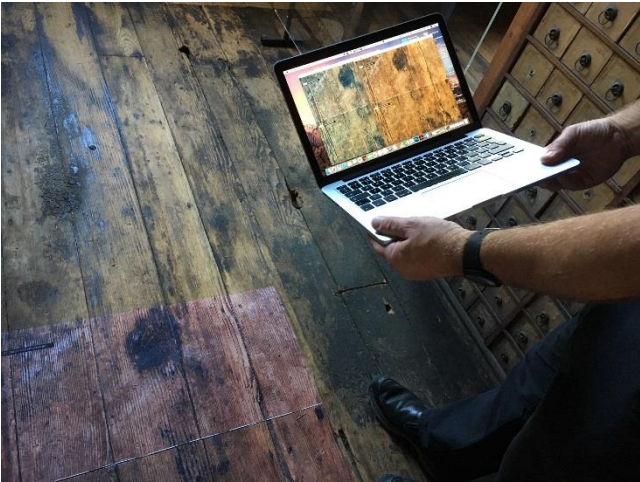
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The Legacy of George Floyd: Documenting Alexandria’s Response

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Building Preservation



Museum Collections and Conservation



The Office of Historic Alexandria preserves and interprets the past of our community for residents and visitors alike...
but we also are dedicated to protecting, preserving and conserving our historical collections for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

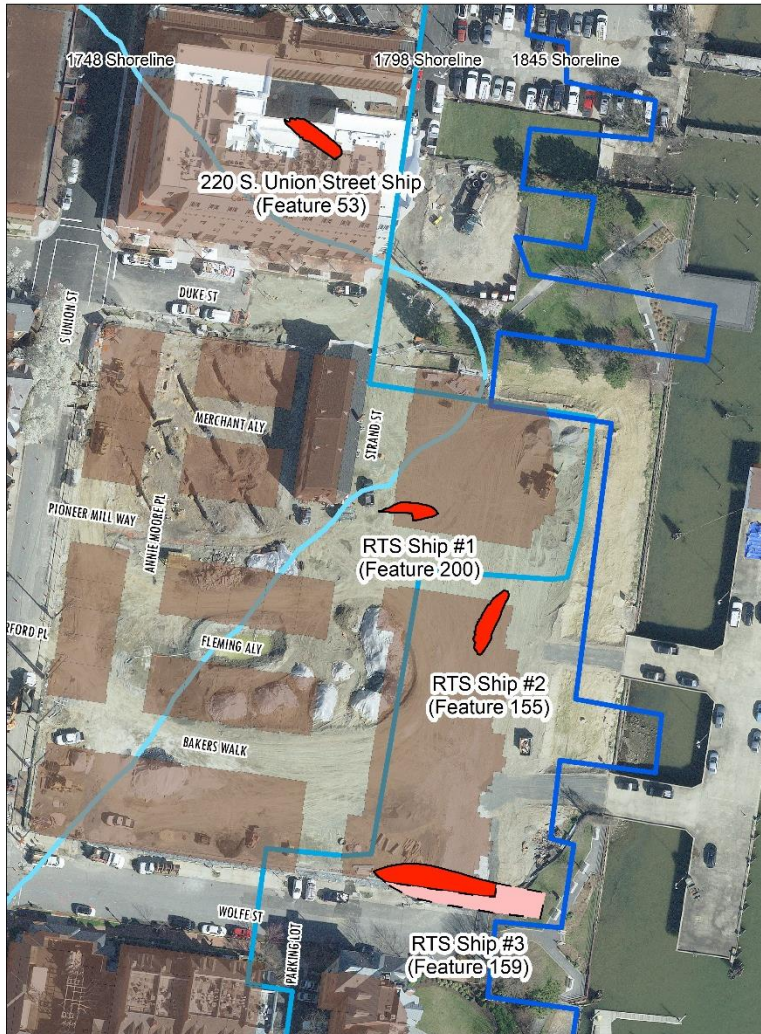
Conservation Projects



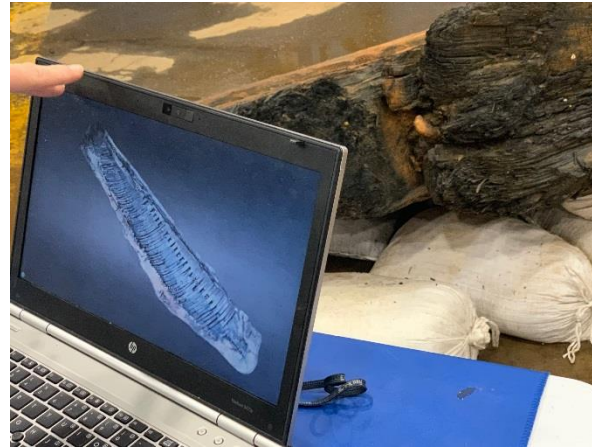
Historic Ships Excavation



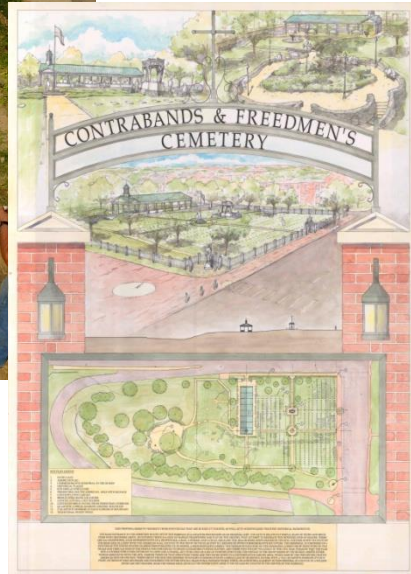
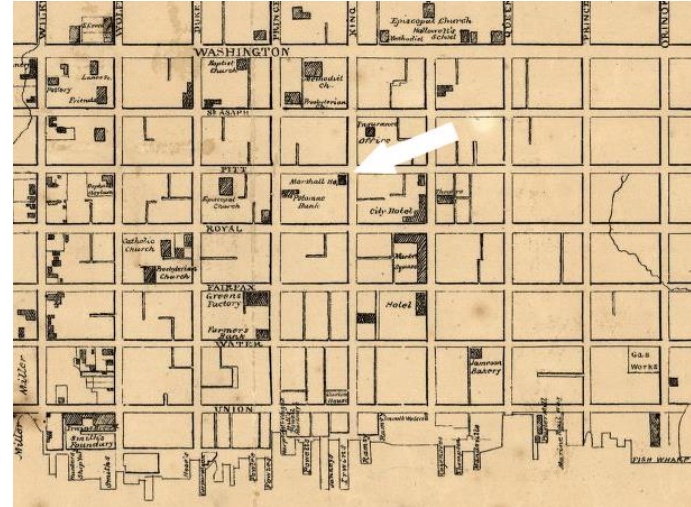
- 18th century ship discovered during waterfront development
- Currently being conserved
- Great opportunity for public to witness archaeology and preservation in action



Digital Documentation



Interdepartmental Planning and Review



Alexandria Community Remembrance Project

- Benjamin Thomas
August 8, 1899
- Joseph McCoy
April 23, 1897



Education and Life-long Learning



Educational Programs

All museums have educational activities for school-aged students

- SOL coordinated programs for all students of all grade levels.
- Lesson plans and outreach kits also available to educators to in classrooms
- Homeschool programs
- Scout programs
- Summer camps for K through 7



Public Programs

- 18th and 19th-century balls
- Lectures
- Foodie events, tastings
- Historic beverage events
- Re-enactments
- Specialty tours
- Birthday parties

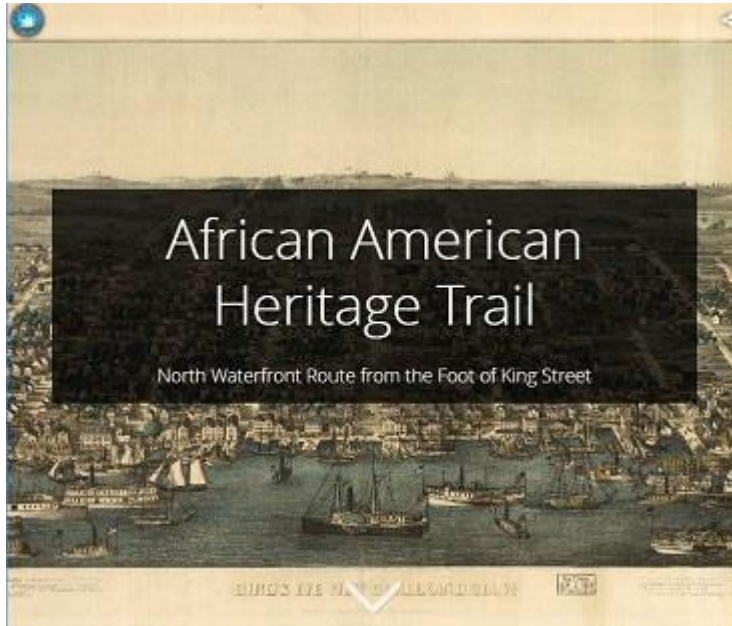


Historic ALX Online!

Friendship Firehouse Museum Summer Fun Kits!



Walking Tours



- Tour of sites
- African American history
- Civil War hospitals
- War of 1812 sites
- And more!

Wayfinding



Heritage Tourism

- Cultural and heritage visitors typically stay longer than business or leisure travelers
- Cultural and heritage visitors spend nearly twice the current average expenditure of other travelers





Boards & Commissions

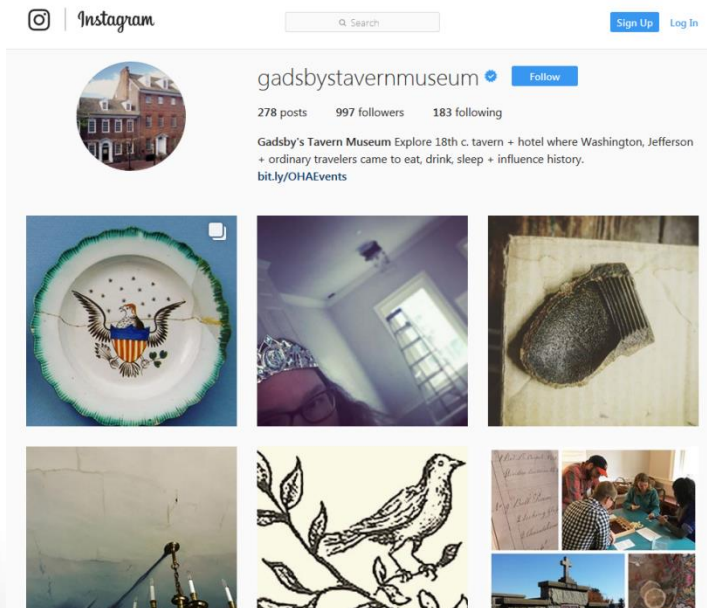
- ***Alexandria Archaeological Commission*** – Provides guidance on cultural resource management.
- ***Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission*** – accepts open space and interior and façade easements in historic districts. There are now 60 easements on properties in Alexandria. Commission members are appointed by the State and the City.
- ***Historic Alexandria Resources Commission*** – generally advises Council on a wide variety of historical subjects.
- ***Public Records Advisory Commission*** – advises staff and Council on records management and archival collections.
- ***George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee*** – coordinates activities to promote Washington's connection to Alexandria
- ***Sister Cities*** – Three committees covering cultural partnerships with the cities of Caen, Dundee, and Helsingborg.

Friends Groups

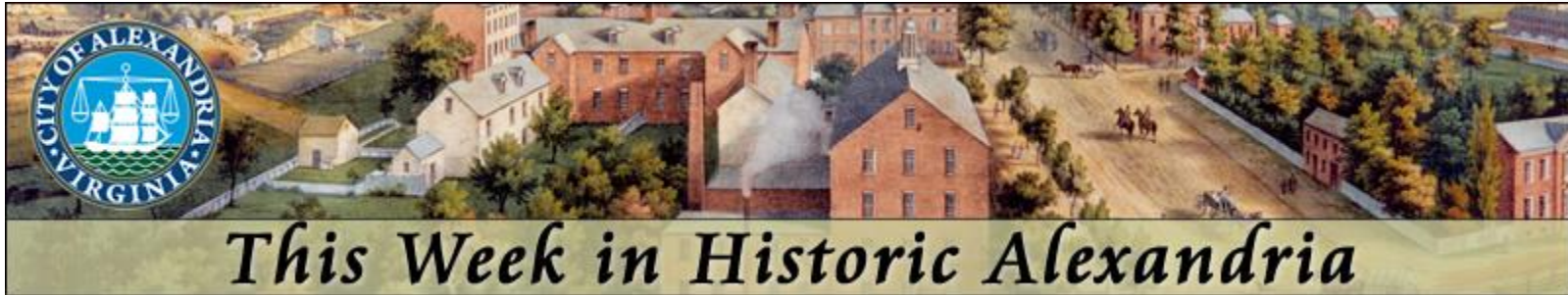
- Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society
- Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
- Friends of Fort Ward
- Mortar and Pestle Society
- Friendship Firehouse Veterans Association

Support OHA!

- Volunteer
- Attend events
- Become a museum member
- Subscribe to our weekly list serve
- Follow us on Social Media



Stay Informed!

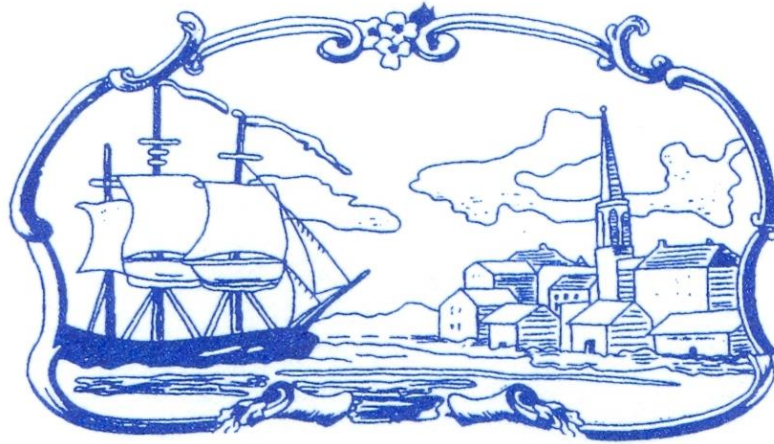


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